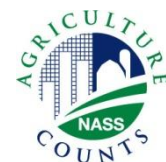


2009 KANSAS SORGHUM COUNTY ESTIMATES

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2009 Sorghum Production Up 5 Percent from Year Earlier New Record Yield for Kansas

The grain sorghum crop totaled 224.4 million bushels, 5 percent above the 2008 crop. The total acreage planted for all uses was 2.70 million acres, down 200,000 acres from last year. Area harvested for grain, at 2.55 million acres, was also down 200,000 acres from 2008. Yields averaged a record high 88 bushels per acre for the State, up 10 bushels from the prior year. The old record was 80 bushels per acre and was set in 1998 and 1992.

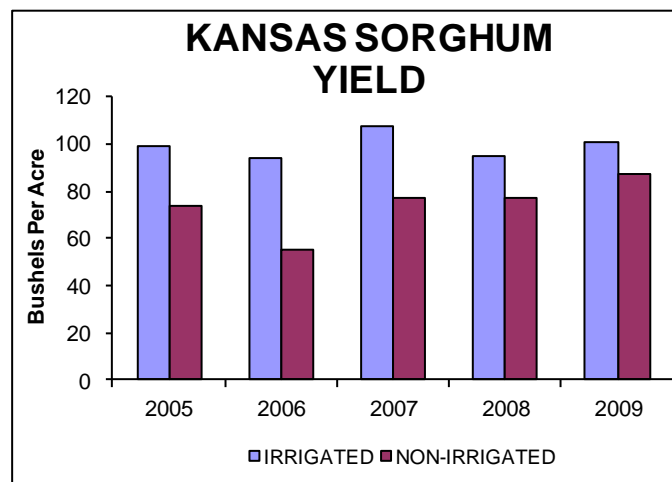
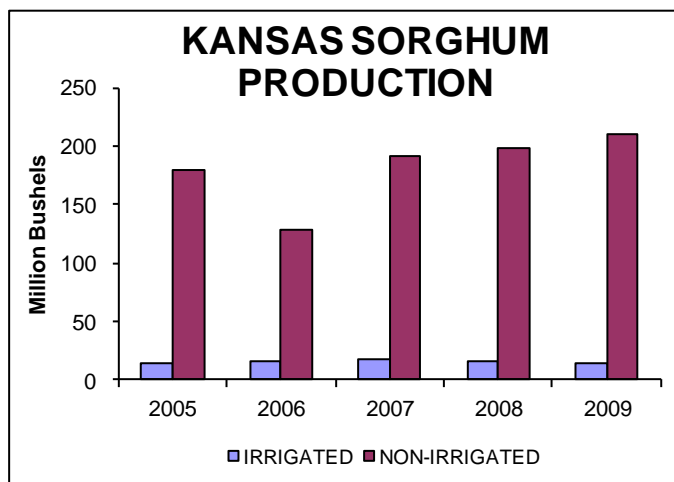
The 2009 sorghum crop was behind the 5-year averages through the entire season. Planting started in mid-May and was 32 percent complete by May 31st, 8 points behind normal. By July 5th, planting was 98 percent complete and 89 percent of the crop had emerged. Growing conditions that were generally cool with adequate moisture supplies resulted in the condition of the crop being mostly good to excellent through the summer. However, this slowed the crop's development and, on October 4th, only 39 percent was mature, 18 percent behind the average of 57 percent. At that time, 72 percent of the crop was in good to excellent condition. Many sorghum producing areas had

their first freeze the second week of October. Harvest was delayed in October by cool, wet weather and was only 17 percent complete by November 1. Warmer and drier conditions in November allowed harvest to progress. However, on November 29, harvest was only 79 percent complete, 16 percent behind the 5 year average. As of December 20, 2 percent of the crop still had not been harvested.

County Production: Scott County recorded the highest production in 2009, with 7.27 million bushels. The second and third ranked counties were Finney, with 6.94 million bushels and Barton, with 6.30 million bushels, respectively.

District All Yield: The Northeast District had the highest yield in 2009, with an average of 116 bushels per acre. The North Central District was second, with a yield of 101 bushels per acres, followed by the Central with 92 bushels per acre.

NOTE: The County Estimates are also available on the Internet at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ks>.



All Sorghum ¹

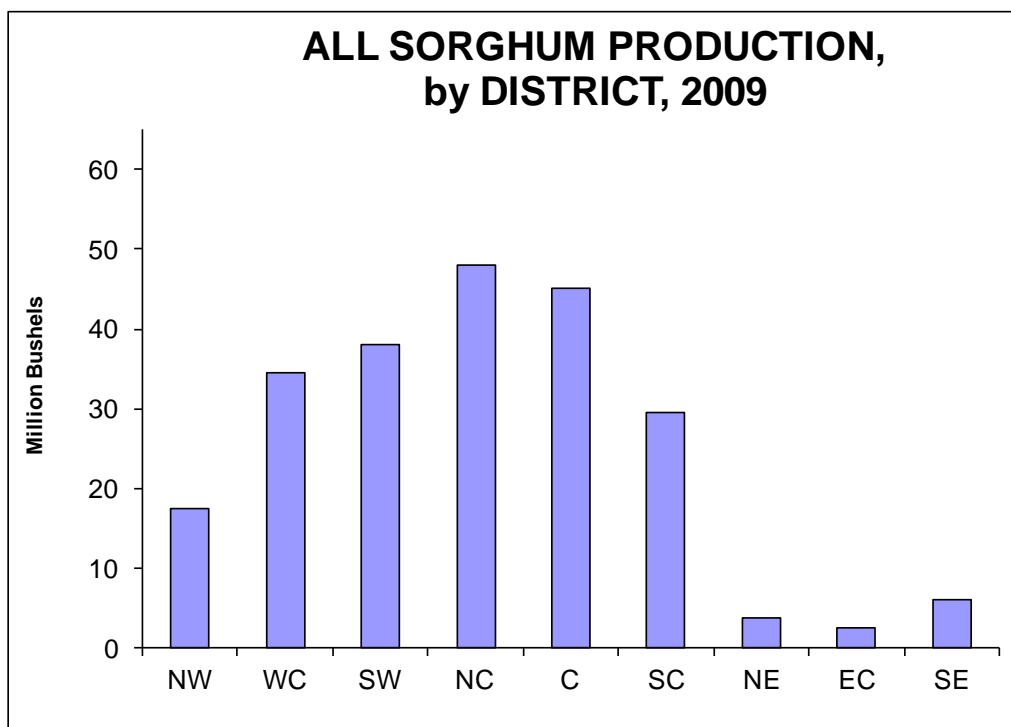
County and District	Acres Planted for All Purposes	Acres Harvested for Grain	Yield, Bushels per Acre	Production, Bushels
Cheyenne	9,000	8,000	61	490,000
Graham	58,000	54,000	88	4,750,000
Rawlins	42,000	35,500	62	2,210,000
Sherman	14,000	12,500	76	950,000
Other Counties	117,000	110,000	81	8,950,000
Northwest	240,000	220,000	79	17,350,000
Gove	48,000	45,000	97	4,380,000
Lane	51,000	48,000	87	4,180,000
Ness	56,000	52,000	85	4,400,000
Scott	79,000	77,000	94	7,270,000
Trego	61,000	56,000	88	4,910,000
Other Counties	125,000	117,000	80	9,310,000
West Central	420,000	395,000	87	34,450,000
Finney	74,000	72,000	96	6,940,000
Ford	70,500	68,000	90	6,130,000
Gray	66,000	64,000	94	6,030,000
Hamilton	26,000	24,000	64	1,530,000
Haskell	32,000	30,000	93	2,780,000
Kearny	37,000	35,000	86	3,010,000
Meade	15,500	14,500	91	1,320,000
Morton	26,000	23,500	55	1,290,000
Seward	17,000	16,500	85	1,410,000
Stevens	27,000	25,000	61	1,530,000
Other Counties	89,000	82,500	72	5,980,000
Southwest	480,000	455,000	83	37,950,000
Clay	34,000	33,000	109	3,610,000
Cloud	46,000	44,000	100	4,400,000
Jewell	55,000	53,000	118	6,250,000
Mitchell	56,000	54,000	94	5,100,000
Osborne	49,000	47,000	90	4,210,000
Phillips	43,000	40,000	94	3,750,000
Rooks	62,000	57,000	90	5,150,000
Smith	57,000	54,000	107	5,800,000
Washington	48,000	46,000	118	5,450,000
Other Counties	50,000	47,000	91	4,280,000
North Central	500,000	475,000	101	48,000,000
Barton	66,000	64,000	98	6,300,000
Dickinson	44,000	42,000	95	4,000,000
Ellis	51,000	45,000	85	3,840,000
Ellsworth	28,000	27,000	101	2,730,000
Lincoln	40,000	38,000	85	3,230,000
Mcpherson	50,000	48,100	89	4,300,000
Marion	49,000	46,900	91	4,255,000
Rice	46,000	45,000	98	4,390,000
Rush	58,000	56,000	80	4,455,000
Russell	51,000	48,000	90	4,320,000
Saline	32,000	30,000	106	3,180,000
Central	515,000	490,000	92	45,000,000

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All Sorghum ¹

County and District	Acres Planted for All Purposes	Acres Harvested for Grain	Yield, Bushels per Acre	Production, Bushels
Comanche	11,000	9,900	64	630,000
Edwards	28,000	27,000	81	2,180,000
Harvey	38,000	37,000	86	3,180,000
Kiowa	19,000	18,000	79	1,430,000
Pawnee	50,000	48,100	88	4,230,000
Pratt	35,000	34,000	61	2,090,000
Reno	52,000	50,100	74	3,720,000
Sedgwick	46,000	45,000	81	3,650,000
Stafford	22,000	20,500	71	1,460,000
Sumner	55,000	53,000	83	4,400,000
Other Counties	49,000	42,400	57	2,430,000
South Central	405,000	385,000	76	29,400,000
Jefferson	1,600	1,500	87	130,000
Marshall	17,500	16,600	121	2,010,000
Pottawatomie	3,300	2,900	107	310,000
Riley	8,700	7,800	119	930,000
Other Counties	5,900	4,200	107	450,000
Northeast	37,000	33,000	116	3,830,000
Geary	1,600	1,500	125	187,000
Lyon	2,300	2,100	74	156,000
Miami	900	800	89	71,000
Morris	9,500	8,800	96	845,000
Shawnee	2,000	1,900	78	148,000
Other Counties	13,700	11,900	83	983,000
East Central	30,000	27,000	89	2,390,000
Bourbon	1,400	1,300	66	86,000
Butler	21,000	20,300	90	1,820,000
Cowley	30,000	29,000	84	2,450,000
Labette	3,000	2,900	76	220,000
Montgomery	1,900	1,800	87	156,000
Wilson	2,400	2,300	85	196,000
Woodson	1,400	1,300	92	120,000
Other Counties	11,900	11,100	88	982,000
Southeast	73,000	70,000	86	6,030,000
STATE	2,700,000	2,550,000	88	224,400,000

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Irrigated and Non-Irrigated Sorghum ¹

County and District	Irrigated				Non-Irrigated			
	Acres Planted for All Purposes	Acres Harvested	Yield, Bushels per Acre	Production, Bushels	Acres Planted for All Purposes	Acres Harvested	Yield, Bushels per Acre	Production, Bushels
Meade	5,500	5,200	127	660,000	10,000	9,300	71	660,000
Morton	3,100	2,700	87	235,000	22,900	20,800	51	1,055,000
Other Counties	76,400	68,100	104	7,055,000	362,100	348,900	81	28,285,000
Southwest	85,000	76,000	105	7,950,000	395,000	379,000	79	30,000,000
Pratt	2,900	2,800	88	245,000	32,100	31,200	59	1,845,000
Sedgwick	1,200	1,100	100	110,000	44,800	43,900	81	3,540,000
Other Counties	18,900	18,100	77	1,395,000	305,100	287,900	77	22,265,000
South Central	23,000	22,000	80	1,750,000	382,000	363,000	76	27,650,000
Other Districts	42,000	37,000	105	3,900,000	1,773,000	1,673,000	92	153,150,000
STATE	150,000	135,000	101	13,600,000	2,550,000	2,415,000	87	210,800,000

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